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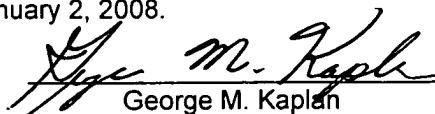
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The listed items were cited in an Office Action (enclosed) mailed November 30, 2007 by the European Patent Office in a counterpart European application. WO 00/62026 has been previously made of record and not listed upon accompanying Form PTO-1449, while English Abstracts of FR2782383 and NL 1014807 are enclosed, with an approximate English translation of the Abstract and Claim 1 of DD 298893 also enclosed, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance in English in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a)III.

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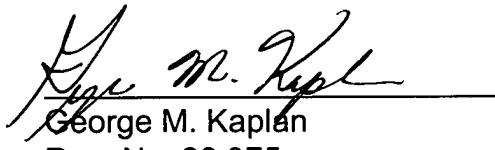
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Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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